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This is a Request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior U.S. Application No. 09/319,142, filed July 29, 1999, based on German patent applications 297 17 496.7 of 30 September 1997 and PCT/EP98/06074 of 23 September 1998 entitled:

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1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on March 22, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.115 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ This application is being filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
a. ☐ PTO-1449
b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	- 20 =		x \$18.00 =	0
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	- 3 =		x \$80.00 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ =	0
	BASIC FEE				\$710.00
	Total of above Calculations =				\$710.00
	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$355.00
	TOTAL				\$355.00

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6. [X] Small Entity status:

- a. [] A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. [X] A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. [] Is no longer claimed.

7. [X] It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response in application Serial No. 09/319,142 filed on July 29, 1999, and/or the instant continued prosecution application, this paper be considered as a **Petition for an Extension of Time** sufficient to effect a timely response **at any time during prosecution**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees, if not submitted by check, or shortages in any fees to **Deposit Account 02-1653**:

Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16;
Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17;
Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

8. [X] A check in the amount of \$410.00 is enclosed (basic filing fee \$355 (small entity) and one month time extension \$55)

9. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
Robert W. Becker, Reg. No. 26,255 of ROBERT W. BECKER & ASSOCIATES, 11896 N. Highway 14, Suite B, Tijeras, NM 87059.

10. [X] Other: One month time extension fee of \$55.00 included in [8] above.

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